

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Harbour Tunnel

GOVERNMENT'S decision to invite a Mersey Tunnel expert to Hongkong to investigate the practicability of a cross-harbour tunnel is intriguing, befitting as it does unexpected official interest in a project which has several times been unofficially mooted, but hitherto producing no positive reactions from Government.

Seven years ago the Hongkong Telegraph published a detailed harbour tunnel scheme devised by an expert, and later Sir Patrick Abercrombie laid down such an undertaking as a sine qua non for his town planning blueprint which he prepared for and at the behest of the Hongkong authorities.

In both instances the proposal was coldly received by Government, and not surprisingly the public came to the conclusion that it had been put into the Colonial Secretariat's pigeon hole.

That such is not the case is welcome knowledge if only for the fact that the opportunity now arises for settling, once and for all, (a) the desirability of a tunnel and (b) the feasibility of such a scheme both from the financial and constructional points of view.

PUBLIC opinion about such a project must inevitably be divided. At first glance a harbour tunnel for vehicular traffic appears to be a most natural development to help cope with the Colony's Hongkong-Kowloon communications problem.

Office workers and others do not have an easy time commuting between the mainland and the island, and despite the proven value of the vehicular ferries, no one can honestly maintain that the service today fully meets requirements.

A good case can be made for an improved transportation system such as would be provided by the existence of a harbour tunnel, although it is equally true there are valid objections, one of these being that a tunnel would not help to relieve traffic congestion on either side of the harbour but would, more likely, magnify that special problem.

In the long run, however, the conclusive yardstick for approval or disapproval of a harbour tunnel must be dollars. First it must be established that Hongkong can afford to indulge in the capital outlay, and then it is necessary to be satisfied that the tunnel can, in due course, produce enough revenue to repay the capital cost.

We shall be very surprised to find the expert who is coming here to give his considered findings on a tunnel project declare that it is impracticable from an engineering viewpoint. Its practicability as a constructional undertaking is, we imagine, beyond doubt. The financial obligations involved is a different matter. Committed as the exchequer is to vast spendings on new and substantial public works, it does seem that Hongkong can hardly afford to finance a tunnel through its official Treasury.

But acceptance of this does not of necessity mean that all contemplation of a tunnel must be abandoned. There are alternative methods of raising capital, and doubtless these will be taken into consideration by the Mersey Tunnel expert in accordance with the official terms of reference governing his investigation. And when his report is finally made, Government will be expected to provide ample opportunity for its consideration by the public before any irrevocable decision on a harbour tunnel project is officially made.

CHINA, RUSSIA REPLEDGE ALLIANCE

Co-operation Stressed By Bulganin And Mao

WARNING GIVEN TO "IMPERIALISTS"

Marshal Bulganin in Moscow, and Mr Mao Tse-tung in Peking, yesterday reaffirmed Soviet-Chinese co-operation when they made speeches at receptions to mark the fifth anniversary of the Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship and Alliance.

The new Russian Prime Minister declared that Soviet aid for Communist China "will be forthcoming whenever necessary."

Mr Mao Tse-tung said that Russia and China would "wipe the Imperialists off the face of the world if they started a war of aggression."

He added that he was confident that Sino-Soviet co-operation would be strengthened still further.

Here are Reuter's reports of the Moscow and Peking ceremonies:

UN Council Takes No Decision On Formosa

New York, Feb. 14. The United Nations Security Council adjourned indefinitely today without taking any further decisions on the Formosa situation.

The adjournment came after the Council had rejected by ten votes to one a Soviet proposal that it should immediately pass on to consideration of alleged United States aggression against China.

Only the Soviet delegate voted for the proposal.

The majority of the Council expressed regret and disappointment at the rejection by the Chinese Communist Government of the invitation sent to it a fortnight ago to come to New York to discuss a ceasefire.

"WISEST COURSE"

Sir Pieron Dixon, the British delegate, said that having noted the reply from Peking the wisest course to adopt now was to adjourn without taking any further decisions.

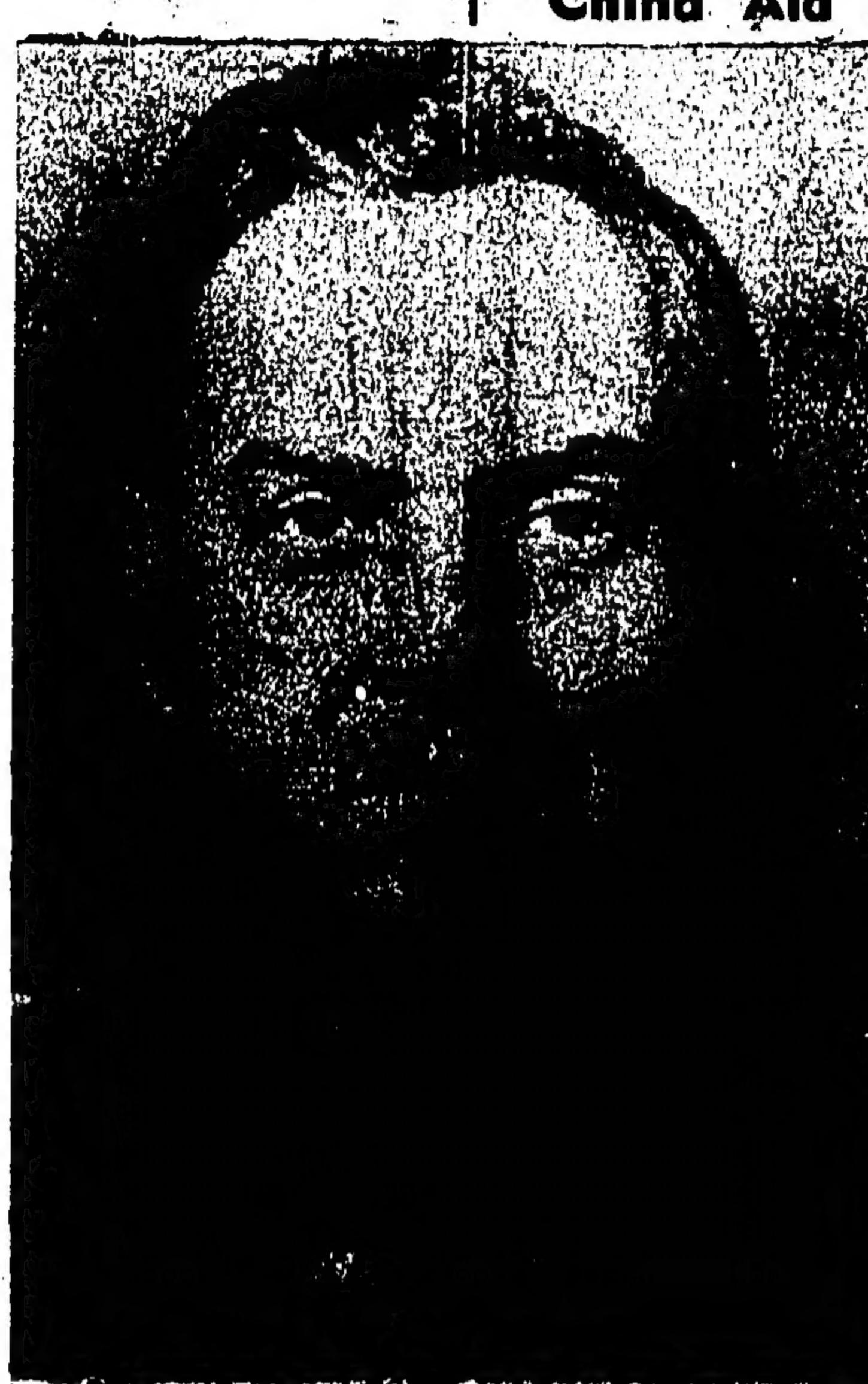
Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, of the United States, said that the United States would continue to consult with other members of the Council in an effort to bring about a cessation of hostilities.

Mr Arkady Sobolev, the Soviet delegate, asserted that the Western powers were proposing that the Council be "inactive" on the situation. But he said the council could not remain inactive and must take steps through discussion of the Soviet charges of aggression against the United States to eliminate what he termed the "basic reason" for the present tension in the Far East namely, the alleged "seizure" of Formosa by the United States and Nationalist China.

Sir Pieron Dixon retorted that it would be "false logic" to follow the Soviet delegate's proposal. —Reuter.

Making Recovery

Cairo, Feb. 14. The Aga Khan's doctors to-night issued a bulletin stating that he was suffering from an infection of the respiratory system but was recovering. The bulletin added that the condition of the Aga Khan's heart was now satisfactory, but he must remain in bed and see no visitors. —Presses-Presse.



He Promises
China Aid

Contempt Of Court Proceedings Against The China Mail

Hearing of an action against the South China Morning Post, Ltd., proprietors of the China Mail, William Alick Grinham, publisher and printer of the China Mail and Robin George Hutchison, editor, for alleged contempt was heard before the Full Court, comprising Mr Justice C. W. Reece and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, puisne judges, this morning.

The contempt was alleged to be contained in an article published in the China Mail dated January 7, 1955, which the Solicitor-General, Mr Arthur Hooton, QC, this morning claimed tended to interfere with the due course of justice in the case of Joseph Leslie Quie vs. Dr P. M. Yap, Dr S. H. Moore and Prof. A. J. S. McFadzean.

Appearing for the Crown are Mr Hooton and Mr J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, instructed by Mr H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs Denton, is representing the respondents.

Mr Hooton told the Court that this was an application made in pursuant to leave given by their Lordships on January 7 for the issue of writs of attachment against the South China Morning Post, Ltd., being the proprietors of the newspaper China Mail, Mr W. A. Grinham, publisher and printer of the China Mail, and Mr R. G. Hutchison editor of the China Mail.

Plaintiff in his claim alleged that first defendant was negligent, stating that he (plaintiff) was not a person of unsound mind.

In another paragraph of the claim it was stated that on March 31, 1952, first and second (Dr Moore) defendants certified Mr Quie of unsound mind, giving their reasons. Plaintiff claimed that the two defendants in so certifying him were negligent.

THE DEFENCE

The statement of defence was in effect a denial of any negligence whatever, the Solicitor-General declared.

He said that for the respondents, Mr. Hutchison, and Mr. Grinham, each filed an affidavit.

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Mr. Grinham, in his affidavit, said that he had not tried the second case because he had put himself in a position in which reasonable people might well think that there was bias.

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The students are Gan Siew-chuan, Tommy Cheng, Khoo Yew-chye, Teo Beng-oon, Lam Swee-ching, Ching Ma-ni and Lim Shin-II. —Reuter.

Students Refused Leave To Appeal

London, Feb. 14.

Seven Singapore boy and girl students, each sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment last July for obstructing the police, were refused in London today special leave to appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Their appeals to the Singapore Appeal Court were dismissed in October.

The prosecution arose out of incidents on May 13 last year when about 200 Chinese students were making their way towards Government House to support a deputation protesting against national service interrupting their schooling.

The seven refused a police order to disperse.

COUNSEL'S COMPLAINT

Mr. D. N. Pratt, counsel for the students, complained that immediately before the case was tried the magistrate had accepted evidence from the same police officers against members of another group of students who were prosecuted for an identical offence.

Mr. Pratt submitted that the magistrate should not have tried the second case because he had put himself in a position in which reasonable people might well think that there was bias.

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Game Abandoned

Melbourne, Feb. 15.

The match between the MCC and Victoria was abandoned today as no play was possible. The rain had stopped this morning but the sky was overcast after last night's storms and the outfield was still saturated.

There was no play on the first or third days. On the second day Victoria were dismissed for 113 and MCC replied with 90 for one wicket. —Reuter.

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The Wrong Woman Was Kicked Out Of Russia

REFUSAL TO ADMIT MISTAKEN IDENTITY

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CARDS IGNORED

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MARXISM RAMPANT AMONG JAP STUDENTS

San Francisco, Feb. 14. Marxism is "running rampant" among Japanese students and professors, a noted theologian, Dr Emil Brunner, told a news conference at Berkeley.

Dr Brunner is Professor of Christian Philosophy at the International Christian University in Tokyo. He is here to lecture at the Pacific School of Religious Pastoral Conference.

He said that Japan had no democratic tradition, and nationalism was building up again. The Communists, he said, were using nationalism for their own purposes in the fight for power against Japanese Fascists.

PREDICTION

He predicted that the Communists would win Japan away from their Fascist rivals eventually.

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The Yemen May Leave Arab League

Calcutta, Feb. 14.

The Deputy Foreign Minister of the Yemen, Mohammed Emara, said here tonight that the Yemen would follow the example of Egypt and Saudi Arabia and abandon the Arab Collective Security Pact if Iraq signed the proposed Turco-Iraqi Pact.

He said that Self el Islam Hussain, Prime Minister of the Yemen, who was also in Cairo, intended to discuss the question of Arab unity with King Hussein of Jordan when the King visited Egypt next Sunday.

The Yemen is an Arab state in the southwest corner of

Russia, and the Yemen had been

invited to join the Arab League.

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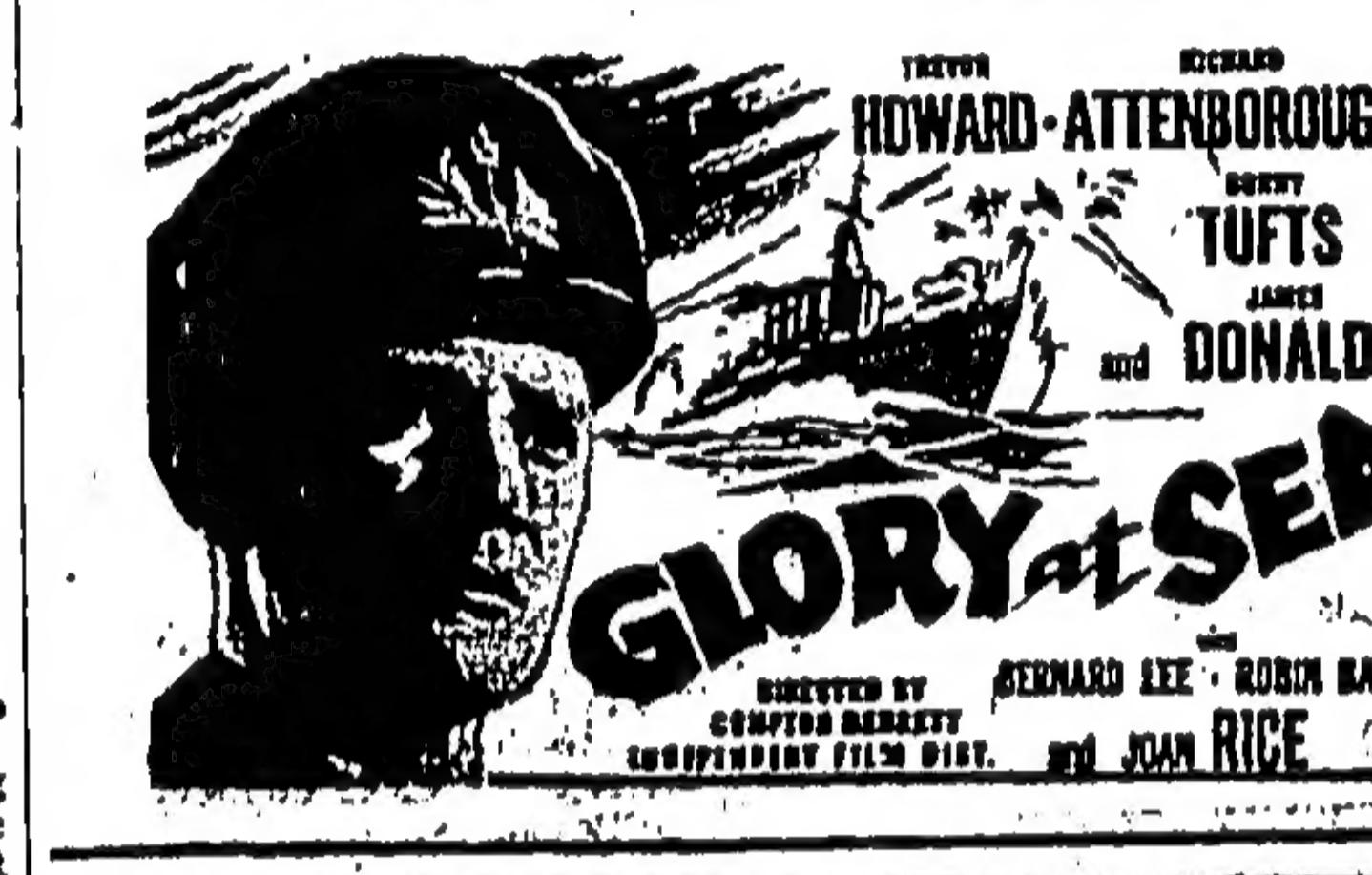
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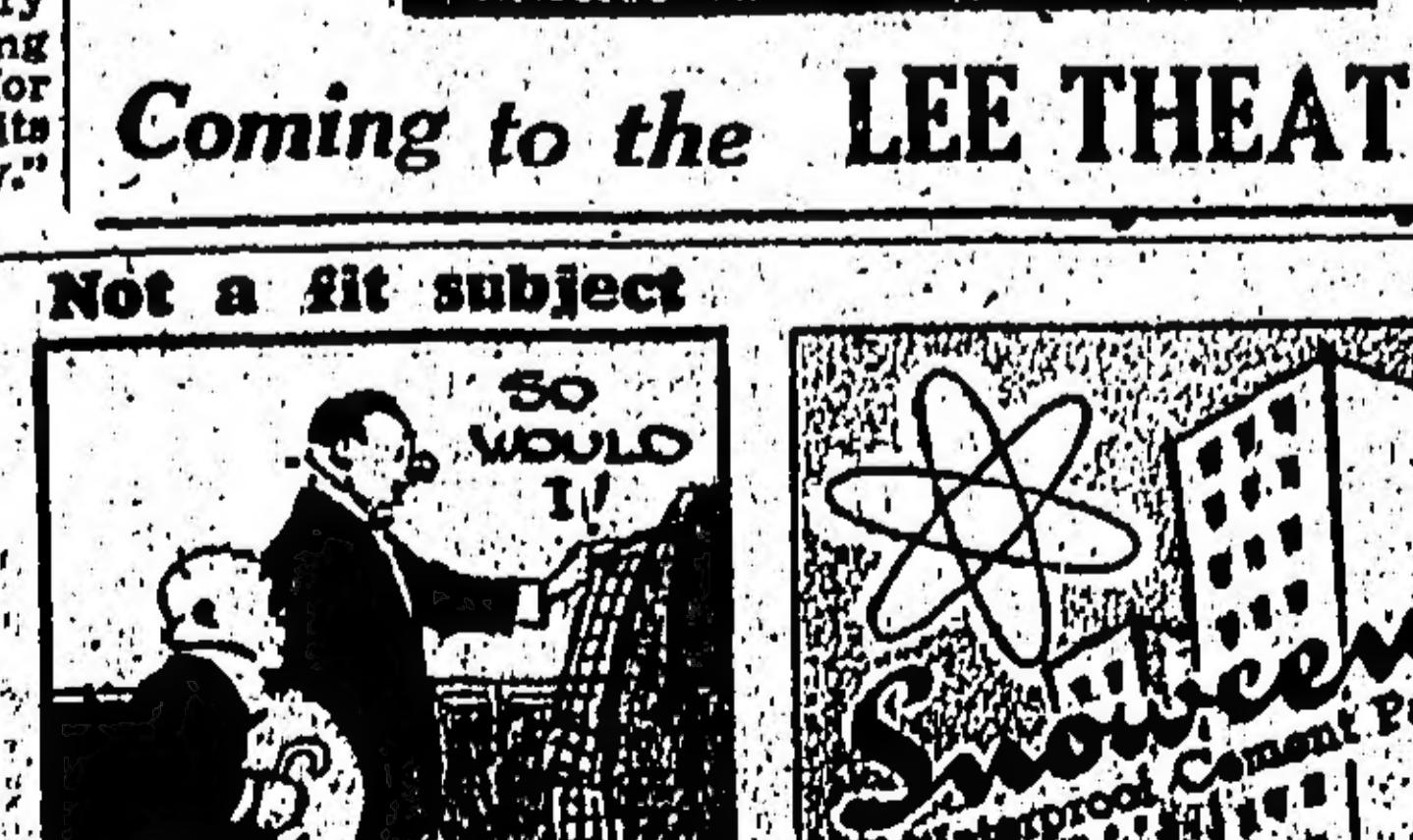
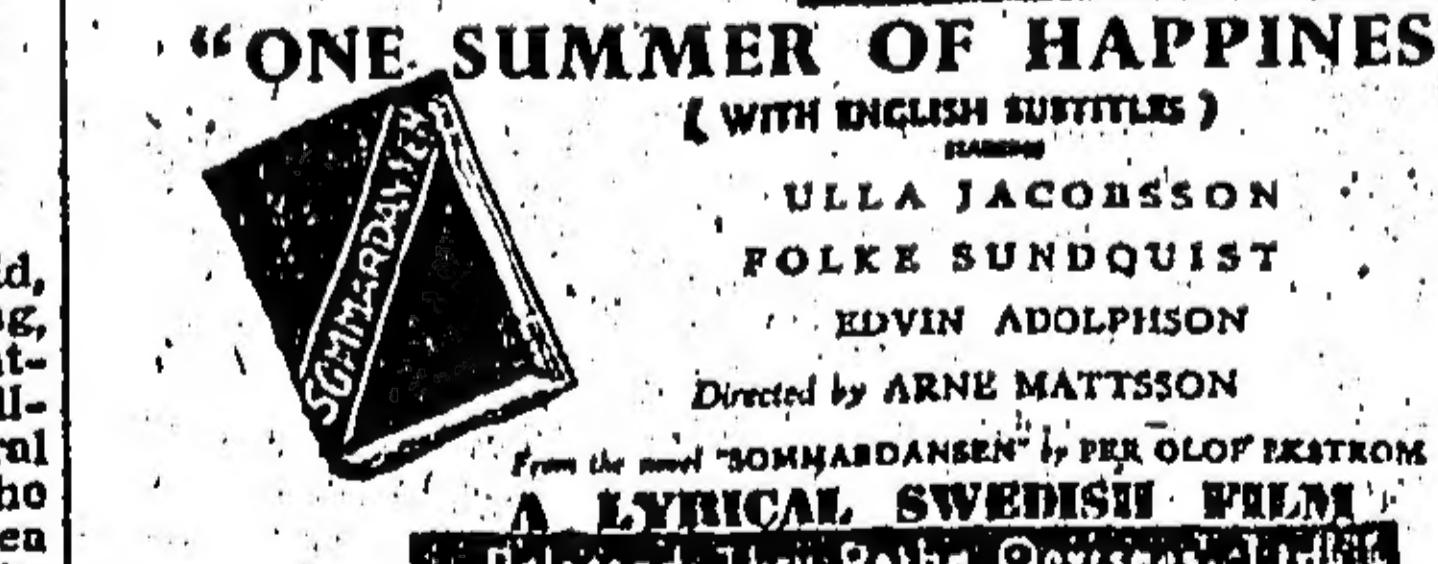
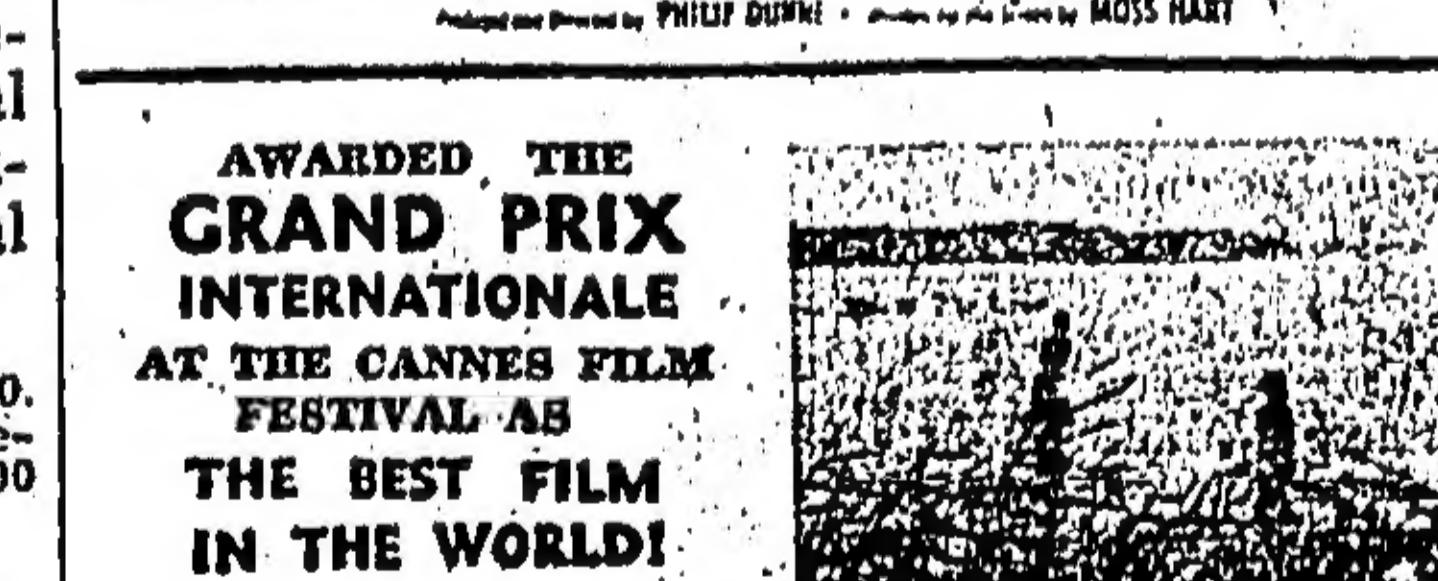
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RUSSIA SPRINGS SURPRISE



Refrain From 'Tough Line' Attitude To U.S.

SUBTLE APPROACH THROUGH PRESS

By DON DALLAS

Schweitzer Will Not Support Youth Group

Paris, Feb. 14. Dr Albert Schweitzer, 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner, told Agence France-Presse at Lainbarene, French Equatorial Africa, today that he had withdrawn his support from a group organizing a youth festival in Warsaw when he learned of its political nature.

The French humanitarian, doctor, musician and theologian was cited by the Polish news agency PAP as having joined a West German committee for organization of a "world youth festival for peace and friendship," to be held in August 1955 in Warsaw.

Dr Schweitzer said that the festival committee, whose headquarters was in Stuttgart, West Germany, had asked him to be an honorary member.

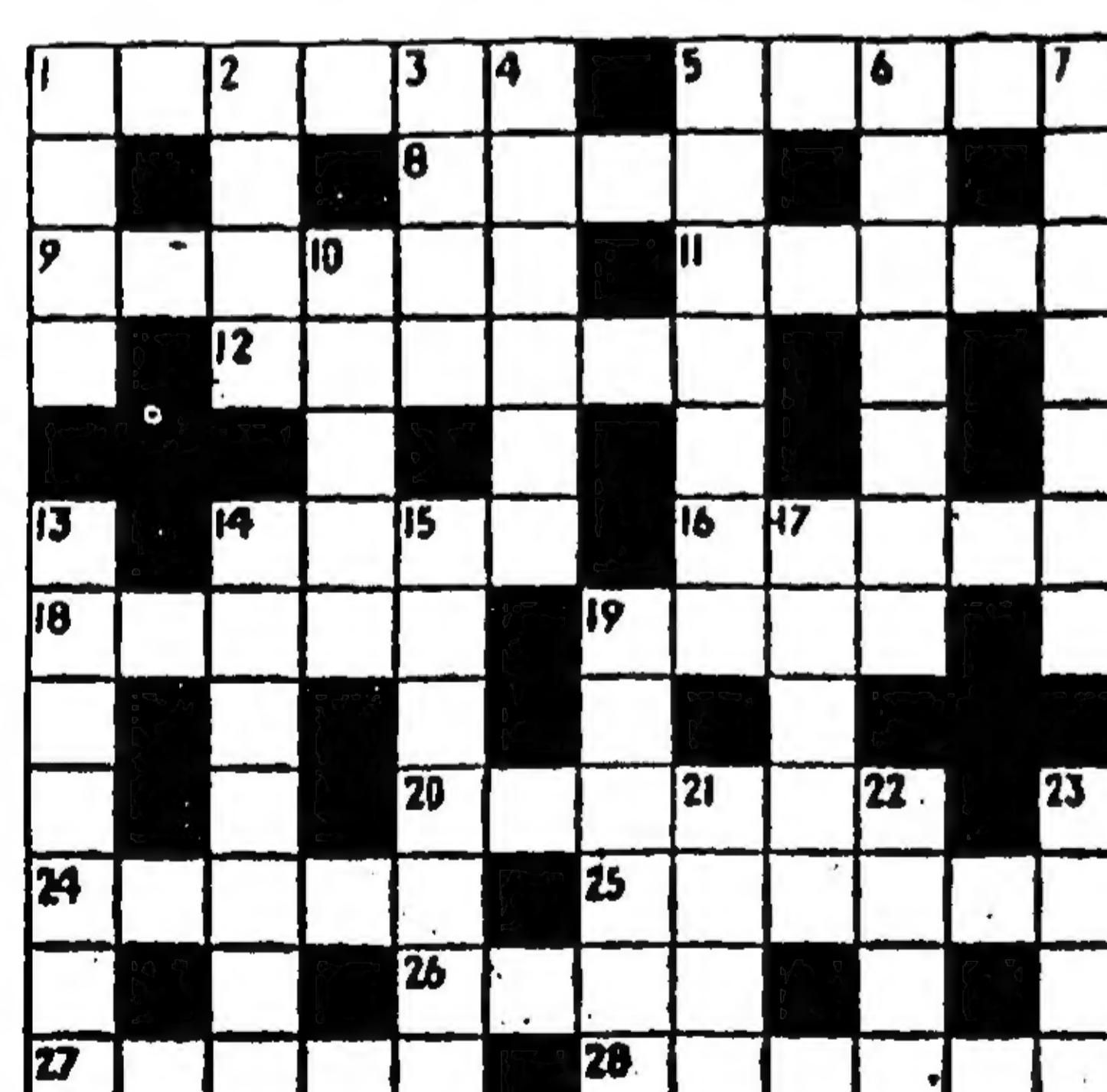
NOT IN REQUEST

"Nothing in its request," he said, "gave reason to believe it was an organization with a particular political character."

He said that he had given his consent out of "amiability," as he had in other cases.

When he was informed of the "political character of this organization," however, Dr Schweitzer said, he notified the committee in a letter on February 9 that he had withdrawn his consent. — France-Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Term (6).
- 5 Intone (6).
- 6 Meat (4).
- 9 Pushes (6).
- 11 External (6).
- 12 Deserves (6).
- 14 Lacquered (4).
- 15 Nude (5).
- 18 Dirt (5).
- 19 Inchies (4).
- 20 Easists (6).
- 24 Teacher (6).
- 25 Take vengeance (6).
- 26 Border (4).
- 27 Lively frolio (5).
- 28 Puzzles (6).

DOWN

- 1 Nuisance (4).
- 2 Apartment (4).
- 3 Past (4).
- 4 Plan (6).
- 5 Shutting down (7).
- 6 Assails (7).
- 7 Filaments (7).
- 10 Polson (6).
- 13 Sets fire to (7).
- 14 Racocourse tout (7).
- 15 Umpire (7).
- 17 Spy (5).
- 19 Make angry (6).
- 21 Cooker (4).
- 22 Cosy (4).
- 23 River of Russia (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Comic; 4 Abodes; 5 Intone; 6 Meat; 9 Pushes; 11 External; 12 Deserves; 14 Lacquered; 15 Nude; 18 Dirt; 19 Inchies; 20 Easists; 24 Teacher; 25 Take vengeance; 26 Border; 27 Lively frolio; 28 Puzzles. —Down: 1 Term; 5 Intone; 6 Meat; 9 Pushes; 11 External; 12 Deserves; 14 Lacquered; 15 Nude; 18 Dirt; 19 Inchies; 20 Easists; 24 Teacher; 25 Take vengeance; 26 Border; 27 Lively frolio; 28 Puzzles.



The children cheer and wave flags as Princess Margaret drives slowly in an open car through Skinner Park, Port of Spain, during her tour of the Caribbean.—Express Photo.

DON'T SPOIL THE MARKET AMERICANS TOLD

Madrid, Feb. 14.

While generous Americans may want their Spanish maids to share their fried chicken and apple pie, these servants usually prefer their customary food of meat or fish stew with potatoes or beans or lentils.

This is part of the guidance on the "servant problem" given by the United States Air Force to its personnel in Spain, according to the Spanish American Courier of Madrid.

Servicemen are told that an experienced maid or cook earns from 250 to 350 pesos (£2.10 to £3.10) a month in addition to her board and lodging. It is suggested that to pay higher wages than this makes life

more difficult for fellow-Americans and for Spaniards.

DEODERANTS

Uniforms and shoes, and extra month's pay at Christmas and the fare home and back for an annual holiday are additional. It is likewise suggested that in the case of a servant who comes from a village where toilet facilities are limited, soap and deodorants might be provided.

The American airmen and their families are reminded that Spanish maids are not used to being treated with the familiarity which domestic help sometimes receives in other lands and they are advised "treat your servants with dignity but with firmness."

They are reminded, for example, that Spaniards insist that maids use the service lift and never allow them to sit with the family, that while they may complain of the inefficiency of the help, their maids at the same time grumble at the "Americans' outlandish demands and barbarous habits."

Patience is suggested as the remedy for reaching an adjustment of relations.

Americans are also advised to avoid criticizing Spanish customs to their maids, remembering that they resent adverse comment about their country.

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A final reminder is: Don't lure servants away from other families.—China Mail Special.

BRITONS ARE LIVING ON 'NEVER NEVER'

London, Feb. 14.

Britain is fast becoming a nation living on credit because of high purchase, Lord Hollenden, President of the Wholesales Textile Association, said here today.

Generally speaking, he added, this weekly or monthly pay packet of Britons were "more or less" spent before they were received.

Lord Hollenden was giving one reason why the trade had only maintained its turnover last year instead of increasing it.

Higher purchase contracts last December were 41 per cent more than in December 1953. Not only were people mortgaging their incomes but also their future, Lord Hollenden added.

"To live on credit terms in times of full employment might be all right, but what happens if the country has to face a depression and there is unemployment?" he asked.—China Mail Special.

Pretoria, Feb. 14. THERE is to be no more singing or whistling in police lock-ups. This is due to 28 new regulations officially gazetted which will make life a little harder for people arrested and detained in cells.

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CHILDREN WELCOME PRINCESS

St John, Antigua, Feb. 14. About 80 white garbed Antigua prisoners — four of them women — pressed forward in their barbed-wire compound to cheer Princess Margaret today as she visited a youth rally at St John's Cricket Ground.

One of them said "Red, white and blue—these are our colours inside prison or out!"

They had been helping to prepare the ground for the rally. They do not usually work on Sundays but "this is a special occasion," one said.

Earlier the Princess had sailed into St John's harbour through an avenue of inter-island trading sloops and fishing boats dressed overall with little Union Jacks.

FLAGS FLUTTERED

The flags fluttered, the boat crews cheered their heads off, the Princess laughed and waved, the sun shone—and Antigua was suddenly in a carnival mood.

The Princess wore a turquoise blue shantung day dress with full skirt buttoned bodice and short sleeves and a turquoise straw hat.

At a youth rally this morning on the cricket ground, where the Australian touring team will play, the Princess spoke of Antigua's "long and romantic story" imperishably connected with the Royal Navy and with our greatest sailor, Nelson.

In an open car Princess Margaret drove along lanes of children and then watched a march past of youth organisations, including contingents from Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands.—Reuter.

King Hussein Visits Keisal

Baghdad, Feb. 14. King Hussein of Jordan, piloting his own four-engined red-and-silver aircraft, landed at Baghdad airport today to begin a "family visit" with King Feisal of Iraq, his cousin.

King Feisal was the first to greet King Hussein as the latter stepped out of the plane, embracing the Jordanian monarch, and then Iraq Crown Prince Abdallah shook hands with the visitor.

An Iraqi Army band played the National Anthems of both countries, and then King Hussein, escorted by King Feisal, inspected the Royal bodyguard. King Hussein, King Feisal and Prince Abdullah all wore Field Marshal's uniforms.

The Royal party then went to the marquee of the airport where they had coffee and the Iraqi Premier, Nuri al Said, was presented to King Hussein, along with some 30 other Iraqi nobility.—United Press.

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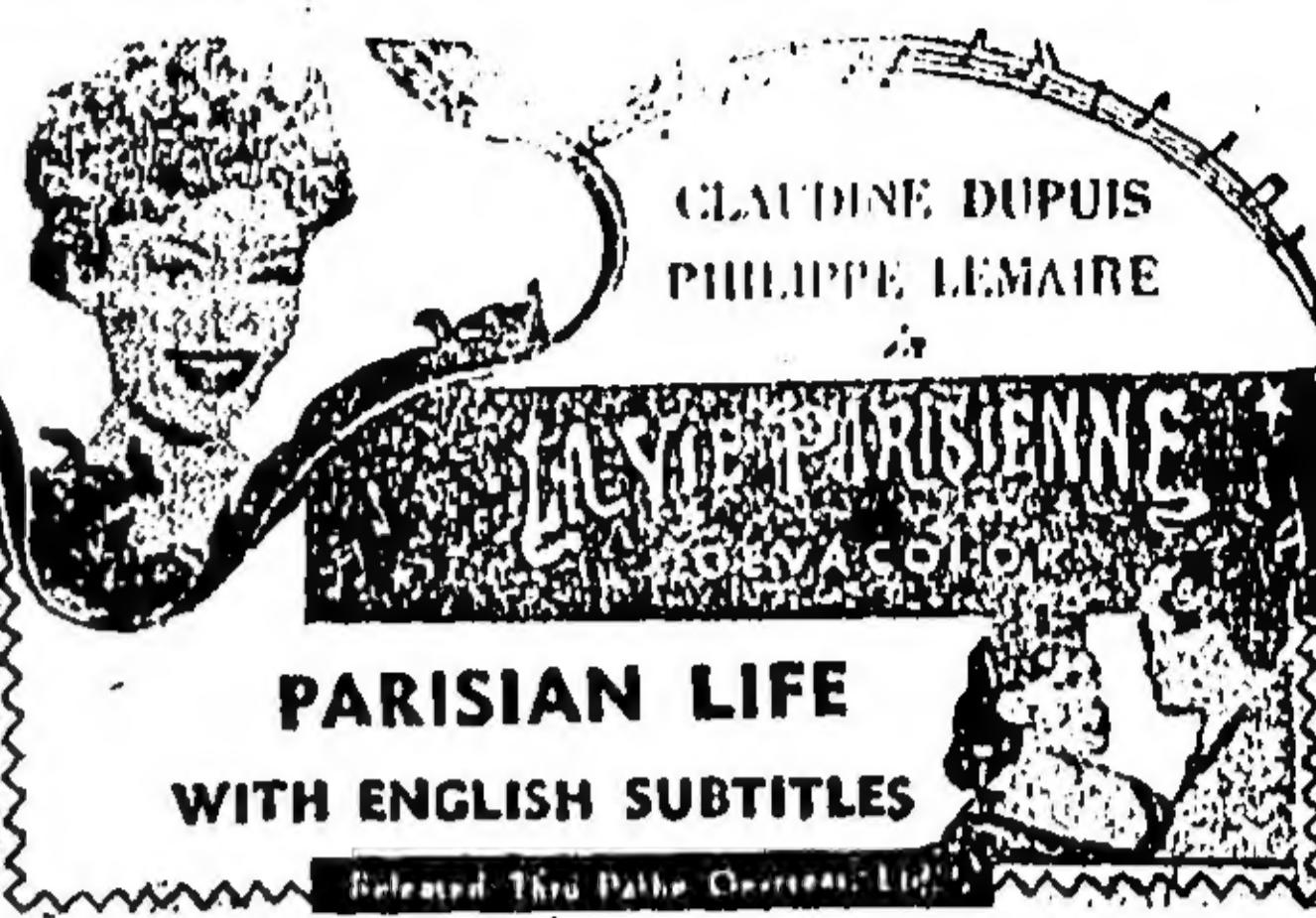
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Guarding The Royal Family

By J. W. TAYLOR

SOME of the best-dressed men in town are the "shadows" around the British throne — the detectives who guard members of the Royal Family. All have the quality of self-effacement and the ability to melt unobtrusively into their background; always on hand, yet never noticed.

Such Royal guard is Superintendent Tom Clark, Queen's detective until recently his successor, Superintendent Albert Perkins, and Chief Inspector Ronald Wells, guard to the Queen Mother, possess these qualifications in full measure. They are not noted merely for their unobtrusive appearance, although each has a very full and ample wardrobe, but for

A Barrier

The Duke had driven the Queen and the two children off alone. As they were leaving the front which had pulled up in a narrow alley, they were spotted by an excited Maltese crowd, who hurried towards the Royal party with a delighted shout.

These echoes are paid for out of a spec's allowance. When the Queen visits Royal Ascot, Guards and royal household experts of the London season, her guard bows in the background, unobtrusively in a top hat and morning dress, etc., when he speaks of a number of decorated men, equally properly dressed, who are equally as white as the Queen.

Well Groomed

On one recent visit of the Queen to a London theatre, the Royal party were being seated when a woman in the stalls was heard to remark: "Who is that man?" He is quite the best dressed man in town." She was pointing out Superintendent Clark, who was "shadowing" the Queen.

Inspector Maserati, U.S.A., Princess Elizabeth's bodyguard, until he retires four years ago, always worthily upheld the reputation of the Royal guards for perfect grooming, and was looked upon as the best dressed officer in the London police force.

These custodians of the Royal safety, however, are not chosen because of mortal perfection. All who have shown themselves to possess certain very necessary qualities and ability for a vitally important task. Once these are noticed in an officer, he is promoted to "Divine in the Service of the Queen." They are watched for their qualities of self-effacement, punctuality, steadiness and calmness in emergencies, and, of course, the fact that they are expert pistol shots does help somewhat.

No candidate is drawn from the Security Service (M.I.5) or from the Special Branch, but from the ordinary uniformed

Great Friends

Some of the Royal Guards became quite close to their Royal charges. Chief Superintendent Hugh Cameron, who was first bodyguard to the late King when he was Duke of York 24 years ago, was a great friend of his Royal master, and remained with him until the King's death. Often when the King would go to Sandringham, Cameron could be taken a holiday, but he preferred to be there on guard, even when the party only comprised two or three close acquaintances. The two men had become great friends.

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WORSE THAN THE BLACK FROST

IT really began on the morning of Sunday, January 23, three days after my birthday.

For the first time since we arrived from the Humber to fish 50 miles off Iceland's North Cape the night had passed without a gale warning.

Weather was quite good.

Lorella and Roderigo, the two trawlers that were lost, were about 30 miles from me. None of us would have been there in the old days before the Iceland Government began to claim the whole sweep of their big bays as territorial waters; we would have been much closer in, nearer safety.

Gear lashed

QUITE suddenly the wind got up. We just managed to get our gear lashed before we felt the full force of a gale, with visibility between nil and 50 yards. Now there is only one thing to do in a situation like that, when there is no chance of reaching shelter. We trawlers call it dodging — moving slowly ahead into the wind.

We could not turn; to be broadside in such seas would mean capsizing. Go too slow and we would lose steerage way; go too fast and we would increase the spray and waves pouring over the ship.

In the next three days, though I was using enough engine revolutions to drive the Zircon at 12 knots in good weather, I moved 80 miles and most of that sideways!

The Lorella and Roderigo were forced to steam directly into the wind, getting nearer the ice.

At 2.10 that Wednesday afternoon Roderigo called all ships, asking for a reply on the same frequency.

The Roderigo's operator —

Now I am not sure whether this should be called Black Frost; it was something worse than the black frost, worse than anything I have known in 25 years in trawlers.

Usually Black Frost is freezing fog, constantly depositing ice on the upper part of a ship. But it comes usually in moderate weather, and you fight it with steam pipes and axes.

But for three days we were in winds up to 100 miles an hour, with never a single lull. If you sent a man on deck in that weather you would never see him again.

Spray froze

THE decks were kept clear by the spray froze as it struck.

Aerial wires as thick as pencils became tubes of ice six inches in diameter.

On the weather side of the funnel there was a six-inch coating of ice.

Our lifeboats disappeared inside ice cocoons.

The radar tower became a solid block of ice.

On the open top bridge the safety rails are about one inch thick and stand apart. The ice then thickened until it joined to a solid wall.

By BOB RIVETT

as told to FRANK GOLDSWORTHY



My radio log shows that at 5.8 — it was dark there after about 3 p.m. — George Leadley repeated four times "Roderigo calling. Going over."

At 5.9 he said seven times: "Roderigo calling; right over."

All this was by voice, but his voice was getting more and more strained. And at that moment I believe his vocal cords just gave out. He turned the switch. And now over the loudspeaker in my wheelhouse came "morse" instead of a voice.

We logged "SOS SOS SOS SOS Roderigo going over" nine times; a space, then it began again. "SOS SOS SOS SOS Roderigo going over."

At 5.12 it ceased. We heard no more.

I wrote in my log: "Both operators worthy of the highest praise."

At 5.5 Roderigo reported "We are still going further to starboard and cannot get righted."

I thought it was the least I could do.

MISS KITT

[She sang her way to £100,000 a year]

YEARNS FOR THE SIMPLE THINGS

... like the theories of Mr. Einstein

By EVELYN IRONS

ONE of the fastest-rising sultry singers in America is slinky Eartha Kitt. (You may have heard her records of Santa Baby and I want to be evil, I want to be bad.)

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you imply that it is in the least odd for a girl who made her name and fortune as a night-club and revue singer to spend her off-hours hob-nobbing with eminent scientists and other great men.

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PARIS NEWSLETTER
from SAM WHITE

M. MALRAUX TAKES FRANCE'S PULSE

A MAN who exercises as much fascination for the younger generation of Frenchmen as Lawrence of Arabia did over young England in the 1920's and '30's has just published a striking denunciation of the political system which, he says, has reduced his country to the level of a second-rate Power.

He is the prodigious 53-year-old Andre Malraux, a man who is both France's foremost novelist and a living legend as a man of action. Ex-Communist, ex-cloak-and-dagger man in the early social convulsions of China, ex-air force commander on the anti-France side in the Spanish Civil War, ex-Resistance leader and brigadier commander under de Gaulle, he has been since the liberation General de Gaulle's foremost friend and his most eloquent spokesman.

Three times married, he lives with his third wife, the widow of a half-brother, killed by the Nazis, and with three children in a large house outside Paris.

It is elegantly furnished in a modern style and decorated with treasures discovered by Malraux in his wanderings in the Middle East and Far East.

He enjoys good food and wine but loses interest in them quickly if the conversation interests him. Something of a recluse, his only relaxation is that of Yugoslavia.

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"I'll admit I've got my faults—and the biggest one's sitting right there."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

I HAVE just read an article about various ways of beginning a speech. One method, says the writer, is to surprise your audience. Very well, I suggest that the ladies and gentlemen who would say rather have one hat and one whisker, or small hat and zinc whisker, or the like, should go to the proof that human beings are creatures of habit and convention in that if they could turn their nostrils inside out, as canines do, they would not do it in public.

Oriental joke

She was alleged to have thrown a firepan at him. The butler went into the fire. (Evening paper)

'See Perth and dye'

(Byron) FOSCIMOH, the Food Standards Committee of the Ministry of Health, is trying to regulate the dyes used to colour food. Probably an artificial was given out of those red, white and blue striped and (caught by British) others, the small and the Midlands. Well, if it's no longer permissible to paint a reddish blush on the cheek of a woman, it's time to say goodbye to those cottonwood peaches, those guineas each which grin from the windows of West End shops? Is a colour but to be applied to prefabricated sausages?

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

BORN today, you are an active, adventurous and considerate quite radiate in your ideas, at least. It is likely, however, as time passes, that what you project will be a reptile and eventually become a new tradition. You are very likely to outlive your own lifetime. Although you have your own ideas of right and wrong and will stick to your guns despite all opposition, you have the type of personality which manages to convert enemies into friends.

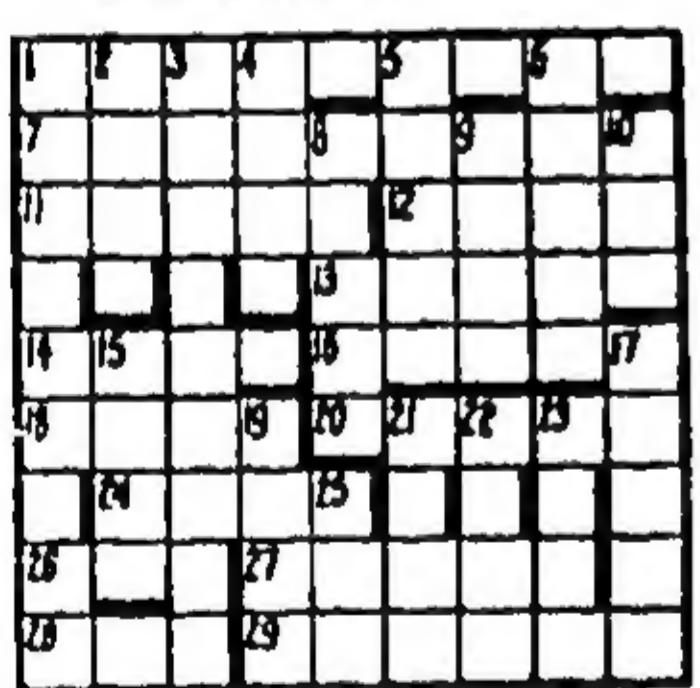
You insist upon proof of everything you hear before you accept it as gospel. You are practical, ingenious and even inventive. Both mind and action appeal to you as life interests and you may make your selection early in life for greatest success. You will come only when you concentrate on a single objective. You write fluidly, speak well in public and have a

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be on your guard against a scheme that is just too slick to be good! Examine a "bargain" carefully.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Perhaps one of those New Year's resolutions hasn't been sticking!

CROSSWORD



1. The man in the train. (9)
2. Bob's the kind of relation. (9)
3. A good - is a smoke. (5)
4. Kipper. (5)
5. Take your medicine. (6)
6. Give the glad eye. (5)
7. Get rid of the desider's centre. (10)
8. Linked with Bath for the bishop. (5)
9. Sham turns to make a pony's nose. (5)
10. And steel turns to wintry weather feature. (6)
11. The wind blows towards it. (3)
12. Timed switch-ticks may do it to you. (6)
13. It's on the last page of the story. (6)
14. Lost or strayed? Or —? (6)
15. Down
16. Miss pedal to make this track
17. Bob
18. Eager. (4)
19. Giant's edge. (Anaz.) (9)
20. Hidden - may wreath a fruit. (6)
21. Dig in the ribs. (6)
22. Painter finds this support un-top-notch. (6)
23. Hello Blandino! Here you go into a hidden recline. (6)
24. Piano
25. A large part of it's down. (6)
26. Grim - but not at the front. (6)
27. But different. (6)
28. One is Hyde Park
29. Lime to make this a good boy. (6)
30. Same to make a name. (6)
31. This - is a prize. (6)
32. Yesterday's option. (6)



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Men Are Usually There With Ideas

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN the Mixed Pairs Championship is played most of the men give their partners last-minute instructions.

"Try to let me play the hand if possible," they say, and the ladies usually politely agree. In this way the men indicate that they think they are the strong half of the partnership, and the women indicate that they are born diplomats.

No such instructions are issued when the female half of the partnership is an acknowledged expert. Equal partnership is the rule in the case of Mr and Mrs Paul Hodge, of Abilene, Tex., winners of the championship in 1953. The reason for their confidence in each other may be seen in the play of the hand shown today.

Mrs Hodge opened the queen of diamonds from the West hand. Declarer won in dummy with the king of diamonds, took the king of spades and then led the ace and queen of spades to see what the defenders would discard. They both discarded

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Reserved Stands
For Admira
Soccer Series

A special section of the stand at the western end of the Hongkong Football Club will be reserved for Services, players and registered schoolboy soccer players in respect of the Austrian Series being played to-morrow and over the week-end. This section will be closed as soon as all tickets are sold. If, within one hour of the kick-off all seats have not been taken up, the same will be sold to the public.

Saturday's
Home Soccer
Fixtures

The following is the draw for the fifth round of the Football Association Cup, which will be played this coming Saturday:

FA Cup (Fifth Round)	
Swansea	v Bury
Luton	v Middlesbrough
Notts Forest	v Newcastle
Birmingham	v Aston Villa
	v Doncaster
York City	v Spurs
Wolves	v Bolton
Notts County	v Chelsea
Liverpool	v Bury

LEAGUE MATCHES

Saturday's League matches will be:

Division I	
Armen	v Leicester
Blackpool	v Sheffield
Portsmouth	v Preston
Sheffield U	v Burnley
Division II	
Blackburn	v Port Vale
Fulham	v Plymouth
Middlesbrough	v Bury
Stoke	v Hull
Division III (South)	
Bournemouth	v Southend
Bristol	v Brighton
Palace	v Leyton
Brent	v Tamworth
Gillingham	v Millwall
Newport	v Colchester
Northampton	v Swindon
Queens Park R	v Southampton
Reading	v Coventry
Shrewsbury	v Brentford
Watford	v Aldershot
Division III (North)	
Aerington	v Stockport
Barnsley	v Oldham
Bradford	v Darlington
Carlisle	v Wrexham
Chester	v Chesterfield
Grimsby	v Barnsley
Mansfield	v Gateshead
Rockdale	v Halifax
Southport	v Hartlepool
Trafford	v Bradford

Rocky's Nose
On Trial
Today

Grossinger, New York,

Feb. 14.

Manager Al Weill will decide here tomorrow whether Rocky Marciano's nose is in condition to permit a defence of his heavyweight crown in May.

The decision will be made after Weill and a group of boxing writers watch the Champion spar three or four rounds with Keene Simons. The sparring will be done in the Grossinger resort's Ski Lodge, where Rocky does his gymnasium work in cold weather.

Weill disclosed that he permitted Marciano to do two rounds of private sparring with Simons on Saturday.

"They took it very easy and nothing happened to the nose," Weill said. "In fact Rocky looked very good."

When asked how much time would be required before Rocky could fight in case the nose is round, Weill said, "He will need at least two or three months to train."—United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Squash
Army Championships Third Round:
Hamblin
Men's "A" Div.: CYMCA "W" v
Recreio, Tennis
Colony Grasscourt Championships
at HKCC, Meeting

Monthly meeting of HK Referees' Association, Tavern, NAAFI Club
7.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Soccer
Interport: Admira FC of Vienna v All Hongkong (Club) 4.30 p.m.
Colony Grasscourt Championships HKCC, Singles and Doubles
Men's "C" Division: HKU v Recreio, Tennis

Inter-School League King's Park, Tennis
King's College Annual Athletics, SCAA Stadium 10 a.m.
Army Championships, Tennis

Colony Grasscourt Championships (HKCC), Doubles
Golf
Ladies' Bronze Championships, Tennis
Fencing: Shek O Medal Competition, Badminton

Men's "A" Div.: HKCC, Recreio, Friday, Friday, Squash

Army Championships, Tennis
Rugby
Men's "A" Div.: CYMCA "W" v HKU

EUROPEAN CHAMPION



Hanna Eigel, of Austria, in action during the European Figure-skating Championship in Budapest recently, which she won. Britain's Yvonne Sugden was second, but was thought by the majority of the crowd to be the winner.—Express Photo.

THE TRANSFER SYSTEM
MAKES SOCCER SERFS
OF FOOTBALLERS

Says JIMMY LOGIE

Only a fortnight ago I was one of the serfs of Soccer. Today I'm free, I am no longer tied to the Football League transfer system. A serf in mediæval times was a man who was tied to his master for life. He couldn't leave the place where he was born without permission. He couldn't change his job voluntarily though his master could sell him.

It's just the same in football today. I wonder how many football followers who roar and applaud their favourite stars every week realise the conditions of their employment?

Do they realise exactly why such a man as John Charles can't return to his native Wales? Why Frank Brennan had a fight to remain in Newcastle? Why the unhappy footballer can only moan and hope some kind club will take pity on him and ask for his transfer? I doubt it.

Let's see how the system works. Johnny Snook leaves school, and, being a bit of a footballer, comes under the eyes of some League club scout.

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club realise he's worth, say, seven years instead of five before they get a benefit at the reduced amount of £250 and that is subject to income tax.

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Colony Tennis
Championships

Start

Before a handful of spectators the Colony Grass-court Tennis Championship got underway yesterday at Hongkong Cricket Club with eight matches being played.

There was a slight delay in some of the games as the officials had to run around to look for umpires. Otherwise the tournament went on smoothly.

Only one minor upset was registered yesterday when Roy Macpherson of the Hongkong Cricket Club lost to Sigmund Hooper by 6-1, 6-2.

Six of the matches were decided in two sets. The longest battle was between Chinese Recreation Club's Ho Hit-po and J. K. Jenkins of RAF. The other game to go to the maximum three sets was between A. C. D. Hopkins and D. P. Dundford, with the former winning by 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

Playing on the No. 2 court, Sigmund Hooper, HQ Land Forces Singles Champion, created a minor upset by making short work of Roy Macpherson, winning 6-1, 6-2.

The match was much more even than the score indicated, with both players showing good form.

Hooper, with his accurate half volleys and baseline drives, won the day.

On the No. 1 court the young Yaqub Khan of KJTC had to be content with taking seven games in two sets against the hard-hitting Frenchman, F. Longet, and went down by 4-6, 3-6.

JUST MANAGED

The St. Joseph's College schoolboy, Ng Man-cheung, was given a scare by Ho Hit-po in the first set and just managed to edge out his opponent by 7-5. At one stage Ho was leading by four games to one. In the next set Ng had things much his way and won comfortably by 6-4.

It's all wrong, isn't it? It's not democratic. It's not even fair. Certainly a club must have a hold of their players for a certain length of time, but surely a contract of, say, three or five years would be enough?

After that time the player should be put on transfer if he wants and he should be allowed to join the club that appeals to him most.

NO INDUCEMENT

In Italy a player receives a percentage of his transfer fee.

As for bowling, I beg to suggest that the five most incisive spinners in the world just now are the Lock-Luker combination of Surrey, a little Indian leg-breaker called S. P. Gupta, and two Australians whose names are never mentioned by the old pals.

Could it be an axiom of the Australian selectors that, whoever else you choose for Test Match duty, you must do your best not to pick men who have succumbed to the filthy lure of professionalism in England?

There are in this country at the present time at least four Australians who could command places in their country's team.

In the opinion of the men who have played against all of them, only Neil Harvey of the current Australian team is fit to claim parity as a batsman with either Jock Livingston, Northamptonshire's No. 3 left-hander, or Bill Alley, who looks a bit like Keith Miller and whose left arm performs near-pride with both bat and ball in League cricket.

The slim, poker-faced Livingston finished third in Compton and Graveney in our county averages last season with 2,269 runs (six centuries) in 48 innings for an average of 55.34. He can also keep wicket — when not required as a superlative cover-point.

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K.G.V. "A" v Services "B" on Happy Valley, 1st, 2nd, 3rd (Umpires: Morris, Sgt. Darrell).

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Bonn, Feb. 14.
Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, has asked one of West Germany's leading atom physicists, Professor Werner Heisenberg, not to discuss atomic energy questions in public before final ratification of the Paris treaties, it was learned today.

The Social Democratic (opposition) Party, which opposes the Paris treaties providing for the rearming of Western Germany within the Western defence framework, said today that Dr Adenauer's move was not easy to understand in the light of his conviction of the value of the Paris treaty for the maintenance of peace.

Dr Adenauer merely sought to stop Professor Heisenberg from discussing the "technical problems" of German atomic energy research since these were provided for in the Paris treaties which come up for final discussion in the German Parliament this month.

The treaties would allow West Germany to work on atomic research but not to manufacture atomic weapons.

On receipt of a letter from Dr Adenauer last month, Professor Heisenberg wrote to the Northwest German Radio asking for a postponement of a talk he was due to give on atomic questions because of the Chancellor's intervention.

He confirmed tonight that he had been approached by Dr Adenauer but declined to comment.

The Social Democratic Party which published today Professor Heisenberg's letter to the Northwest German Radio asked "Is it possible that Dr Adenauer feels that the ratification of the Paris treaty would bring the international situation so close to war that he wishes to spare the German people the realization of the horrors of war in the hydrogen age?"

Atomic German atomic physicist, Professor Otto Hahn, in a broadcast last night spoke of the horrors of atomic conflict and called for East and West to negotiate immediately to prevent war.

Dr Hahn said no one could anticipate the substantial increase in the consumption of tea in India and Ceylon as well as in the United States. Increased consumption was largely responsible for the rise —Reuter

It was therefore "inopportune" to discuss atomic atomic questions in details at present.—Reuter

Canada's total exports in 1954 had a value of \$3,876,131,000, a drop of six per cent from 1953. Final figures by the Bureau revealed today. Volume was down 3.5 per cent and price 2.5 per cent.

The United States continued to dominate among foreign users, buying \$2,312,000 worth of Canadian-produced goods.

This was a drop of 4.4 per cent from the 1953 value, but still

was the second highest total on record. Sales to the United States accounted for 59.7 per cent of the total exports, compared to slightly less than 59 per cent in 1953.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

AMERICAN ECONOMY

High Level Steel And Auto Operations Highlighted Markets

By JOHN MORKA

HEARINGS POSTPONED

Washington, Feb. 14. Public hearings on the recent rise in the stock market — originally scheduled for next week — will be postponed until early March. It is said that the Committee wishes to gather information. — United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Businessmen in Hongkong are continuing to buy stocks, but the market is not yet at the record high of \$291,132,500. No new issues are on the market.

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Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Feb. 15. Bourse is quiet, the following stock prices:

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Exchange Rates

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Sterling notes (per £1) 10.00

London (per £1) 15.70

Singapore (per £100) 27.80

Malaya (per £100) 23.00

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China Mail Special.

American Bank To Open In Singapore

Singapore, Feb. 14. The Bank of America will open a branch office in this Crown Colony in the near future, it was disclosed here today.

The plans to establish a "constructive" outlook on the development of the area.

Mr. Smith added that the Bank had investigated the industrial development situation in Southeast Asia and as a result millions of dollars had already been lent.

The Bank of America is one of the largest contributors to the enlargement of world trade, he said. — France Presse.

High Level Steel And Auto Operations Highlighted Markets

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Feb. 14.

The high level of auto and steel operations and the resiliency of commodity and stock prices despite mounting international uncertainty stemming from Formosa and Moscow highlighted the U.S. economic picture last week.

True, prices faltered presumably on news of the Moscow switch in leadership on Tuesday. The lack of trouble in the Tachen evacuation and the resignation of Malenkov were advanced by some observers for Tuesday's selling off which saw price close 1 to 4 points lower. Commodity prices moved narrowly lower.

But under the leadership of pattern that would make any commodity and stock markets prices begin to fall the next day and experts here is that market and trading factor behind market behaviour.

It was admitted by some experts that the Russian incident served as an excuse for some to sell stocks. But the experts involving over four million and the market had many other shares on a 1-for-20 subscription to decline. It had been carried to new highs without benefit of earnings gains. A lot of 100 which sent the stocks soaring.

Accordingly, it was felt, if more splits come along that haven't been anticipated, the market could well go into a new high ground.

It is explained the market appears to be in a process of consolidation under the cover of individual stocks. Market prices are about the same level they were on first trading day of 1955. This consolidation period may take a bit more time, it is held.

Wall Street's intuition says there isn't going to be a war, some experts explained.

The strong surge of activity in steel and autos is considered highly important in my assessment of future business prospects.

With the U.S. civilian economy causing the steel ingot rate to approach 90 per cent of capacity, a serious turn in international events would create one of the highest steel markets since Korea, the National Metalworking Weekly noted.

The Formosan crisis and Russian emphasis on war-production is also expected to attract orders from steel users who perhaps have allowed their inventories to get too low.

Many anticipated the export demand would probably remain so heavy that excess imports from some American steel plants will find their way abroad in the near future, Iron Age predicted.

Elsewhere in brief:

Unemployment showed a seasonal increase while construction outlays reached new highs. A total of \$2,800,000,000 was spent in January—13 percent above the year-ago level. Unemployment rose to 3.3 million, an increase of 500,000 over the January 1953 period.

Seasonal layoffs after the Christmas buying season and some temporary slackness in the construction business and other lines was behind the job drop.

Coffee prices slumped this week as Brazil took steps to recapture her coffee market in the United States. By boosting subsidies to coffee exporters, Brazil hopes to boost exports which since June have been about 35 per cent behind the year-ago levels.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the price drop has helped the U.S. consumption race to "recoup perhaps one-fourth of last year's loss. They reckoned 1954 consumption was 12 per cent below 1953."

The market turned weak in active dealings on profit-taking and lower London and Singapore cables.

The profit-taking was attributed to the belief that the market was due for a technical correction.

Spot No. 1 RRs fell 1 1/2 cents to 30 3/4 cents a pound, while the present 23 cents a pound level when they assume control of the plants. Shell Chemical Co. and Firestone Tyre Rubber Co., two of the eight buyers of Government plants, have announced they will hold to the 20-cent line. Another, Phillips Petroleum Co., has set a price of 26 cents on its future production.

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NATURAL RUBBER

Meanwhile, competitive natural rubber has been selling at about 35 cents a pound in recent trading. American rubber manufacturers have been warning that American plants will turn more and more synthetic for their requirements unless there is some adjustment in the price of natural.

Far Eastern rubber growers have insisted that the Government pegged 23-cent price was unrealistic and should be boosted to encourage greater consumption of the tree-grown product.

U.S. citizens would be given a 24 per cent tax credit on dividends received from Japanese investments under a proposed treaty approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. — United Press.

RUBBER OUTPUT

Rubber output by Java Com. solidated Estates Ltd. for January was 207,000 lbs.

Onassis May Sell Tankers

Hamburg, Feb. 14. The Greek shipping magnate Mr. Aristotle Onassis may sell 25 oil tankers to Saudi Arabia, it was disclosed here last night.

A spokesman for Onassis' Olympic Maritime Company at Hamburg said tonight that the ship-owner planned to negotiate the sale of the tankers, totalling 1,000,000 tons, at the end of this month with Saudi Arabian representatives. — France Presse.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Feb. 14. Trading in stocks was a highly selective affair today, with special issues up sharply while the main body of stocks declined fractionally on profit-taking.

Industrial stocks were knocked down 2.60 on average, reflecting sharp declines in a handful of leaders—Bethlehem Steel 2 1/2%, Corn Products 1 1/2%, Du Pont 1 1/2%, General Motors 2 1/2%, Johns-Manville 3, Standard Oil (N. J.) 1 1/2%.

Rails ran up a few cents on average.

The big news was in the so-called special issues. However, General Dynamics, maker of atom powered submarines and of aircraft as well, soared 5 1/2 points to \$118. Bath Iron Works ran up 2 to \$47 on rumours it will merge with Dynamics.

Ex-Cell-O climbed 2 1/2 to \$104 3/4 on a two-for-one stock split and increased dividend and approval of plans to acquire two companies.

Baileys and Wilcox moved up 3 1/2 points to \$87 1/2 as rumours had it the Company will get the contract for Consolidated Edison's atomic energy power plant. Edison rose 5 to \$51 1/2.

CEMENT STRONG

Cement stocks were a strong spot.

Baileys Watch soared 7 points to \$62 in a firm market section.

Steel shirts moved lower.

Along with the sharp gains in General Dynamics and Chance-Vought there were a few wide drops in aircrafts. Bendix lost 2 1/2 to \$110, Bell 1 1/2 to \$33 1/2.

Out of a total of 1,245 issues traded, 508 were higher, 498 lower.

Turnover of 2,950,000 shares was the lightest since Feb. 3, and compared with 3,200,000 yesterday.

Demand centred in low-priced issues—Hupp Corp. up 1/2 to \$7 1/2; Graham-Paige, unchanged at \$2 1/2; and Electric and Musical Industries, off 1/2 to \$4 1/2.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,755,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 1,250,000 shares.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

Dow-Jones closing averages on Wall Street today were as follows:

Spot 34.44-45

March 34.77-78

October 35.00-01

December 35.00-01

March 35.12

May 35.22

Total 100,700 2,810,900 bales.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 33.00

March 34.44-45

May 35.00

July 35.00

October 35.00

December 35.00

March 35.12

May 35.22

